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E.O. 11652:

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SUBJECT: SPACE AGREEMENT: ASTP LAUNCH SITE VISITS

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1. VORONTSOV OF SOVIET EMBASSY HAS TELEPHONED FRUTKIN AT NASA TO SAY THAT AMBASSADOR AND MRS. DOBRYNIN ARE ACCEPTING DR. FLETCHER'S INVITATION TO ATTEND APOLLO LAUNCHING JULY 15. VORONTSOV EXPLAINED HE WOULD STAY IN WASHINGTON QUOTE TO HOLD THE FORT ENDQUOTE BUT THAT MRS. VORONTSOV WOULD COME. SCIENTIFIC COUNSELLOR GUBKIN SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED TO SAY THAT HE WAS ACCEPTING (HE HAD RECEIVED SAME INVITATION SENT OTHER SCIATTS IN WASHINGTON).

2. FRUTKIN WELCOMED EXCHANGE OF VISITS AT EMBASSY LEVEL AND ASKED, IN VIEW OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, THAT SOVIET EMBASSY ARRANGE FOR SHAPLEY, NASA DEPUTY ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR, TO JOIN PARTY GOING TO BAYKONUR.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY TAKING ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS

TO ASSURE THAT SHAPLEY INVITED. PUBLIC REACTION LIKELY
TO BE MOST EMBARRASSING IF NASA ADMINISTRATOR'S PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE NOT INCLUDED ALTHOUGH PRESENT IN SOVIET
UNION. KISSINGER

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